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SUBJECT: MBFR: TEXT OF MBFR STAFF GROUP PAPER ON NATO-WARSAW PACT
MANPOWER RATIOS

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, SPC ON OCTOBER 26 AGREED THAT ALLIED
SPOKESMEN COULD DESCRIBE PUBLICLY NATO-WARSAW PACT FORCE
RATIOS IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA. AT UK SUGGESTION, SPC
AGREED TO ROUND OFF FIGURES AS FOLLOWS:

1A) US FORCES VS. USSR FORCES -- 2.5 TO 1

1B) TOTAL NATO VS. TOTAL WP -- 15 PERCENT TO 20 PERCENT
GROUND FORCES IN FAVOR OF WP

2) TANK RATIOS -- 3 TO 1

2. TEXT OF ORIGINAL RATIO ANALYSIS FOLLOWS.

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1. MANPOWER RATIOS NATO-WP GROUND FORCES IN NATO GUIDELINE AREA

A. US FORCES VS USSR FORCES

- (1) US ESTIMATE (MR. GOODBY'S LETTER 19 OCT)) 2.4 TO 1 IN FAVOUR
) OF USSR FORCES
- (2) NATO ESTIMATE (RESULTS FROM TO&E)
 CONFERENCE OCT 73))
- (3) IISS MILITARY BALANCE 73/74 ESTIMATE 2.2 TO 1 IN
 FAVOUR OF USSR

B. TOTAL NATO VS TOTAL WP GROUND FORCES

- (1) US ESTIMATE (MR. GOODBY'S LETTER 19 OCT 73) 1.19 TO 1 IN FAVOUR
 OF USSR
- (2) NATO ESTIMATE (RESULTS TO&E CONFERENCE OCT 73) 1.16 TO 1 IN
 FAVOUR OF USSR
- (3) IISS MIL. BAL. 73/74 ESTIMATE 1.12 TO 1 IN FAVOUR
 OF USSR

NOTE: RATIOS INCLUDE FRENCH FORCES IN NGA

2. TANK RATIOS (TANKS IN COMBAT UNITS ONLY) NATO-WP GROUND

FORCES IN NATO GUIDELINES AREA

- A. US ESTIMATE (MR. GOODBY'S LETTER 19 OCT) 2.6 TO 1 IN
 FAVOUR OF USSR
- B. NATO ESTIMATE (RESULTS OF TO&E CONFERENCE 2.7 TO 1 IN
 OCT 73) FAVOUR OF USSR
 FORCES
- C. IISS MIL.BAL. 73/74 ESTIMATE 2. TO 1 IN FAVOUR OF
 USSR FORCES

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